

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086  
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2019–2020 and thereafter)

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023  
BRANCH XII – ENGLISH  
FIFTH SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR – CORE  
PAPER : BRITISH LITERATURE: SIXTEENTH CENTURY TO TWENTY  
FIRST CENTURY  
SUBJECT CODE : 19EL/MC/BL55  
TIME : 3 HOURS MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION A

I. Answer any four of the following in about 250 words each. (4x10=40)

1. What, according to Bacon, are the three fruits of friendship?
2. How does Hopkins describe the grandeur of God?
3. Consider *The Birthday Party* as an Absurd play.
4. Comment on the symbolic significance of the sea in *Riders to the Sea*.
5. Examine the treatment and position of women in Victorian society with reference to *Jane Eyre*.
6. Discuss the man-woman relationship in *On Chesil Beach*.

SECTION B

II. Answer any three of the following in about 600 words each. (3x20=60)

7. *The Sense of an Ending* is a novel about the imperfections of memory. Discuss.
8. How does Spenser's sonnet explore the power of poetry to immortalise love?
9. Discuss *The Rape of the Lock* as a mock epic.
10. Explore the complex relationship between duty, devotion, and personal identity in George Herbert's "The Collar".
11. Comment on the complex interplay of human instincts and societal conditioning portrayed through the speaker's actions in the poem "Snake".
12. Critically analyse Crusoe's relationship with nature and with the island. How does this influence his understanding of civilisation and humanity?

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